

The volume of a liquid enema is typically 50 to 200 cm³, preferably about 100 cm³. A suitable % w/w of xanthan gum in an enema (based on 100 cm³ enema) 0.2% to 2% w/w, more preferably 0.3% to 2% w/w, more preferably still 0.4 to 2% w/w, more preferably still up to 1.65% w/w, and still more preferably 0.55% to 1%. Suitably the volume of a foam enema is 20 to 40 cm³. Based on the above preferred dosages, a suitable % w/w of xanthan gum in a foam enema (based on 40 cm³ foam enema) is 1% to 4.25% w/w, more preferably 1.4% to 2.5%. A buffer is preferably added to the liquid or foam enema of xanthan gum to stabilize the pH. When a buffer is used it increases the viscosity and as a result, the maximum % w/w of xanthan gum that can be incorporated in the enema is about 1.7 % w/w.

IN THE CLAIMS::

Please cancel claims 5 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A post-gastrically available delayed release oral (DRO) pharmaceutical composition for the treatment or prophylaxis of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), said composition comprising a polysaccharide selected from the group